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TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh P. McClimon

The 32nd Annual State Convention will be held at the Islander Inn, Hilton Head Island, on January 18-19, 1980. This will be an excellent opportunity to visit and enjoy the facilities available in this resort area of the state. The convention will kick off with the General Session at 2:00 p.m. An educational program has been planned around topics that are of current interest to everyone. Dr. John E. Till, an Energy Consultant of Orangeburg, will give a presentation on "Perspectives on Energy for the South Carolina Farmer." After the break, "Using Commodity Futures as a Marketing Tool" will be discussed by Mr. Shuler Houck, President of Houck's Agri-Business, Inc., Cameron, to be followed by a Business Session. Wives planning to participate in the Ladies' Program should arrive early to depart on a tour of the island by bus at 2:00 p.m.

Presentation of awards by the sponsors of the Contest and Awards Program will be featured during the Banquet Session beginning at 7:00 p.m. James "Doc" Blakely, Ph.D., a humorist of Wharton, Texas, has been scheduled as guest speaker. He comes to us highly recommended and should be worth everyone's trip to hear him. Banquet tickets must be secured in advance for an accurate meal count.

The program for the Breakfast Session at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning to end the convention will include an address by J. Tyron Spearman, Coordinator of the Peanut Commission in Georgia. Help make this convention a success.

COME TO HILTON HEAD!

TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

Your South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America was represented in an outstanding manner by the members who attended the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, November 6-10, 1979. One hundred two members, advisors and lay persons from twenty-three chapters enjoyed the sights and sounds of the 52nd National Convention along with over 23,000 other FFA members and guests from throughout the country. Our national convention is an inspirational and educational event in the lives of those who attend. Congratulations to the individuals and chapter who received national awards and recognition for their very excellent accomplishments in the FFA organization. Please note the people who were recognized at the convention in this issue of the magazine.

The 1980 National FFA Week will be celebrated during the week of February 16-23. Every local chapter should take advantage of the 1980 nationwide FFA Week celebration to gain public awareness for vocational agriculture and the FFA. The theme this year is "FFA - Preparing for Progress." The FFA Supply Service has a number of FFA Week supplies available for your use. An information packet containing some excellent ideas for promoting vocational agriculture and the FFA has been mailed to all local chapters. Start early, make plans and involve every FFA member in your chapter in order to have a successful FFA Week promotion.

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VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS CITED

SERVICE AWARDS

40 YEAR

RETIREES



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Six outstanding vocational educators retired at the end of the 1978-79 school year. They are: R. T. Harris, Westminster; H. G. Rhodes, Newberry; H. W. Rankin, Loris; C. A. Anderson, Butler High School, Hartsville; M. E. DuBose, Jr., Manning; and H. C. Edens, North Myrtle Beach.

The South Carolina Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association recognized the six members retiring in 1979 at the annual teachers conference held at Clemson University. A silver engraved tray was awarded to each retiree in appreciation of his outstanding, long and devoted service to the vocational agricultural education program in South Carolina, and for his development of agricultural leadership through the Future Farmer and Young Farmer organizations and outstanding con-



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tributions to the communities in which they have worked.

Plaques and service awards were presented to the teachers of agriculture on behalf of the South Carolina Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association by the Federal Land Bank and Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of Columbia in recognition of outstanding service to education in agriculture and community development.



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BATTERY PARK

20 YEAR

10 YEAR



J. J. CUMMINGS
LAKE VIEW



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SPAULDING

AND G. P. JONES (PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE)

S. C. FUTURE FARMERS ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION



Heading the 102-member delegation at the 52nd National FFA Convention this year were, left to right, Mike Addis, state secretary, and Mark Wyndham, state president of the 7000-member South Carolina Association. Mark is from Fort Mill and Mike from Berea. These young men were South Carolina's official delegates, who make up the voting body of the convention.

The fifty-second National Convention of the Future Farmers of America held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 7-9, was a year of several "firsts" for the FFA, as well as the traditional pageantry that has made it the most largely attended youth convention in the nation. The 102-member South Carolina delegation joined more than 21,000 members, advisors, parents, and guests who attended the convention, a combination of National Skills Contests, leadership workshops, big-name speakers, and recognition programs.

Members of the half-million member organization were drawn to Kansas City by a program that included Dr. Robert H. Schuller, famous for his "possibility thinking" and "Hour of Power" television program, who keynoted the convention. Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, of the 17th District of Texas, also spoke to the group. Stenholm received his American Farmer Degree in 1959 as a member of the Stamford, Texas, FFA Chapter. Comedian Cotton Ivey, "the new Will Rogers," from Union City, Tennessee, entertained those in attendance. Entertainer Stella Parton also appeared on the program.

An expanded exhibition of agricultural career opportunities attracted thousands of members to the auditorium's exhibit hall. National President Mark Sanborn, from Ohio, called the convention to order and student officers presided over all sessions of the convention. The three-day activity-packed convention included nine National FFA Contests related to the vocational agriculture instructional program and the presentation of over 2500 awards to members. Kevin Holtzinger, 21, of Windsor,

Pennsylvania, and Robert Lovelace, 21, of Elsberry, Missouri, were recognized as the 'best of the best' in the "Stars Over America" pageant. Holtzinger, named Star Farmer of American, is a dairy farmer, and Lovelace, named Star Agri-businessman of America, breeds and selects superior seed stock for woody ornamentals. These two were selected from 789 American Farmer Degree recipients.

The convention fell exactly one decade after the first official action was taken to include women in the FFA, and the young ladies seemed to celebrate that fact by taking several of the top honors. Elin Duckworth, 19, of Mesa, Arizona, was elected Western Region Vice President, the first National female officer. Lynette Marshall, 18, of Sparland, Illinois, was named the National FFA Public Speaking Contest winner, the first girl so honored. Christe Peterson, 18, of Madison, Wisconsin, won the National FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, the first of its kind ever held. Janet McNese, of Siler City, North Carolina, became the 1979 American Royal Queen. Twelve women received regional proficiency awards, and 47 received their American Farmer Degree, the organization's highest award.

FFA members attended the convention from each of the 50 states and Puerto Rico. One hundred and fifty-one chapters were honored for their participation in the Building Our American Communities program. National Safety Awards were presented to 119 chapters. Bronze, silver, and gold awards were presented to 451 chapters in the National Chapter Awards program. Approximately 1450 FFA members were involved in the National Judging Contests. These contests range from livestock to mechanics, horticulture to farm business management, and included nursery/landscape, new this year.

Many members enhanced their education through the Agricultural Career Show which featured more than 200 exhibits from agriculture and agribusiness, as well as the Hall of States. The National FFA Band, Chorus, and Service Corps gave nearly 500 members the chance to be involved in special activities. One hundred and twenty-two official delegates, representing 51 state associations, carried on the business of the nearly one-half million member organization.

Six officers were elected to serve on the 1979-80 National FFA Officer Team. Douglas Rinker, 20, of Winchester, Virginia, was elected National President; Phillip Benson, 20, Winters, California, National Secretary; Dee James, 20, of Clay Center, Kansas, Central Region Vice President; Donald Trimmer, Jr., 20, Woodsboro, Maryland, Eastern Region Vice President; and Elin Duckworth, 19, Mesa, Arizona, Western Region Vice President. These officers were installed at the closing session and they performed the closing ceremony to end the 52nd National FFA Convention.

NATIONAL SKILLS CONTEST

South Carolina had four teams to compete in the National Skills Contest held at the FFA Convention. They were: Agricultural Mechanics, Pendleton; Horticulture, Aiken; Livestock, Saluda; and Nursery/Landscape, Pendleton. Participation in these contests is one of many educational opportunities at the National FFA Convention in which FFA members put into practice the lessons taught in the vocational agriculture classrooms.



G. E. Hamilton, Product Manager, Farm Tire Sales, Firestone Rubber Company, congratulates the Pendleton team on receiving a silver emblem award. Members are, left to right: Dale Whitmire, Delane Walker, Robbie Brewer, and Phil Dobbins. Far right is George Reed, Jr., Advisor.



George Kyd, Vice President, Ralston Purina Company, congratulates the Saluda livestock judging team on their accomplishment in the national contest. Shown are team members Kenneth Chapman, Ken Ruff, John Shore, and Bill Whitfield, and (far right) advisor/coach Bill Whitfield.



Bernie Staller, Executive Director, National FFA Foundation, and Harry C. Kiely, Director, American Association of Nurserymen, congratulate the Pendleton nursery/landscape team on receiving the bronze emblem award. Team members are John Colleli, Nancy Gentry, Barry Riggins, Joey Link, and their advisor Royce Caines.



Scott Crosby, left, advisor of the Aiken floriculture team, congratulates two of his team members on receiving the silver emblem award. They are Lucile Studley and Denise Prout. Absent when picture was made was team member Pam Nix.

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HILTON HEAD ISLAND

JANUARY 18-19, 1980

S. C. FFA MEMBERS AND CHAPTERS CITED

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREES



Five Future Farmers from South Carolina received the highest degree the national organization gives to student members. Present to receive the American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City were, left to right, Robie Gray, St. Johns, Darlington; Dan Keasler, Anderson; Sandra Simpson, Crescent; and Greg Woodard, Anderson. Receiving the degree but not attending the convention was Bob Patrick, St. George.

To qualify for the American Farmer Degree, FFA members must have advanced through a system of degrees unique to the FFA organization. Members begin as Greenhands and after one year of membership may be advanced by the local chapter to the degree of Chapter Farmer. The third degree, that of State Farmer, is presented by the State FFA Association to two percent of the State's FFA membership in any one year. Only students who have earned the State Farmer Degree are eligible for the American Farmer Degree.

This Degree is awarded only by the national organization at the annual convention. About two members per thousand per year receive this degree. The American Farmer Degree class is truly the "cream of the crop," representing those Future Farmers whose achievements in agriculture and in leadership have earned national recognition.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK THEME

"Preparing For Progress"
February 16-23, 1980

BOAC AWARD WINNERS



The Wade Hampton and Hannah-Pamplico chapters were recognized for their achievements in community development activities. Mike Partridge, chairman of Wade Hampton's BOAC committee, and Jim Smolka, were on hand to receive their chapter's award, and Matthew Thomas, president of the Hannah-Pamplico chapter and Harmon Cooper (back row), advisor, received their chapter's award, at the special awards banquet.

NATIONAL CHAPTER



Two South Carolina FFA chapters received national recognition for outstanding chapter programs. The Byrnes and Dorman chapters received the bronze emblem award. Shown in the photo representing the Dorman chapter are (left to right) Tim Shook and James Gowan. Charles Moore (not present) is the Dorman chapter advisor. William Bomar, Byrnes advisor and Jeff Moore were present to receive the Byrnes award.

AWARDS CONTINUED

CHAPTER SAFETY



National Chapter Safety awards were presented to Dorman, Gerald Moore, advisor, and Berea, T. R. Cooke, advisor. Chapter representatives on hand to receive the awards for Dorman were, left to right: Front row, Tim Shook, James Gowan, Laurie Staggs, and (Berea) Richard Smith. Back row, from Berea, left to right, Leonard Brown, Mark Shelton, and Gary Brock.

HONORARY DEGREE



The National FFA organization bestowed the Honorary American Farmer Degree on a number of outstanding vocational agriculture teachers and staff members who have made outstanding, sustained contributions to the FFA on the local, state, and national level. Saul Price, agriculture teacher at Hillcrest High School in Sumter, was the teacher honored in 1979, and Luther L. Lewis, retired Vocational Director from South Carolina, was the staff member honored.

Recipients were guests of honor at a dinner sponsored by Ford Tractor Operations. Each recipient was presented a certificate and gold key designating the highest degree of membership in the FFA.

YOUNG FARMER SUMMER TOUR

Young Farmers from throughout South Carolina gathered at the Holiday Inn in Clemson for the 1979 annual Young Farmer Summer Tour in August. There were more than 85 Young Farmers, wives, and guests who participated. The drop-in on Friday evening was hosted by the Pendleton Young Farmers and their wives. The event was most enjoyable with everyone having an opportunity to get acquainted or renew old friendships.

The tour on Saturday was to observe research being conducted in and around Clemson University and included a slide presentation on mechanization, a slide presentation on construction of solar houses, a tour of the experimental solar houses and new dairy facilities, a drive-through look at the poultry, fisheries, swine, and bull test station facilities. Also observation of experiments being conducted with soybeans, and a 5-acre paddocks and feed lot. The tour included a drive-through of the experimental station with tour guides on both of the buses. A stop was made in the horticulture gardens and turf plots. The tour was concluded at the YMCA picnic shelter where a delicious barbecue chicken dinner was served.

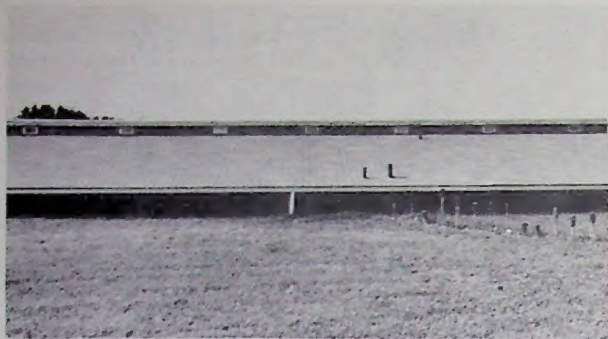
The tour was very educational and most successful. The tour guides were Dr. A. W. Snell, Associate Director of the Experiment Station, Dr. G. R. von Tungeln, Director of Continuing Education, and J. S. Evans, Clemson University Farms Manager. Slide presentations and other explanations were given the group by personnel from the Agricultural Engineering, Dairy Science, Agronomy, Animal Science, and Horticulture Departments.

All persons responsible for making plans and conducting the tour are to be commended on the outstanding arrangements made to show experiments underway in agriculture at Clemson University. We especially thank our tour guides named above.



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YOUNG FARMER SUMMER TOUR CONTINUED



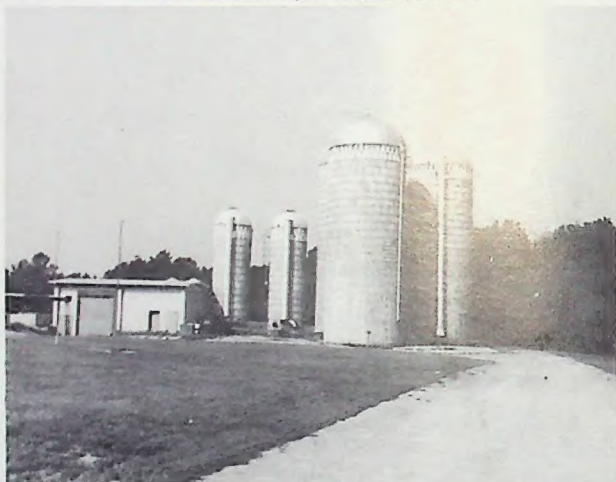
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AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION



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DAIRY FACILITIES



TOUR SOLAR HOME



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FFA MEMBERS IN ACTION

SOUTHERN REGIONAL AWARDS



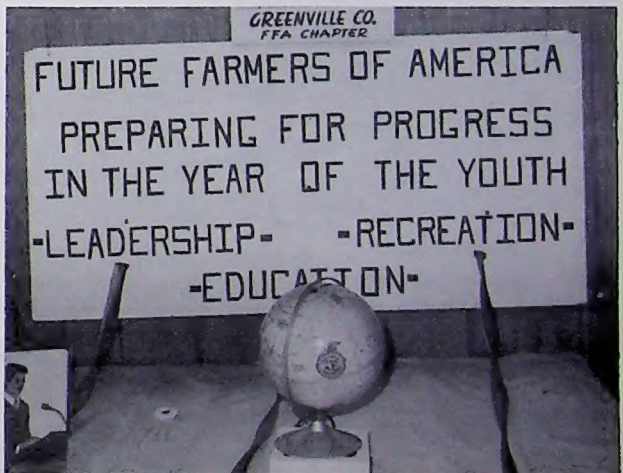
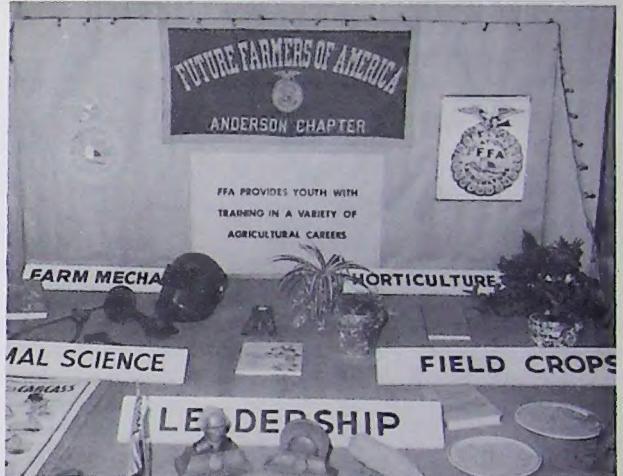
Mark Wiley, left, of the Abbeville FFA chapter, received the Southern Regional Proficiency Award for Diversified Livestock. Sandra Simpson, Crescent chapter, received the Southern Regional Proficiency Award for Swine Production, the first girl from South Carolina to be so honored. These awards were presented at the recent National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

FAIRS AND SHOWS

In 1979 Future Farmers from throughout South Carolina entered their beef, dairy, and swine in junior and open show competition in local, county, and state fairs. In most fairs, they also entered educational exhibits in competition. Some of the fairs with large FFA participation were Anderson, Charleston, Florence, Piedmont Interstate, South Carolina State, Upper State, and York. When participating in these shows, FFA members demonstrate their "know-how" against both youth and adults. The thousands of dollars in prize money and large number of expense-paid trips to the National FFA Convention awarded participants are proof of the quality of the exhibits and exhibitors. A few of the highlights are shown in the pictures that follow.



Mark Wiley, Abbeville FFA chapter, repairing a part for a combine in his farm shop. Mark is South Carolina's 1979 Star Farmer.



Pelion FFA members took four out of five places in showmanship during the Duroc Junior Swine Show at the S. C. State Fair.

FUTURE FARMERS IN ACTION



Bonnie Hadden, first place showman, with her Reserve Senior Champion Charolais in the Junior Charolais Show at the S. C. State Fair. Bonnie is from the Abbeville FFA chapter.



George Counts, Mid-Carolina chapter, second place showman, in the Junior Jersey Show at the S. C. State Fair.



Sandra Simpson, of the Crescent FFA chapter, is shown with her prize winning Yorkshire sow and litter at the Upper State Fair.



Gregg Campbell, Crescent FFA chapter, with his Junior and Grand Champion female in the Junior Hereford Show at the S. C. State Fair.



Future Farmers from Byrnes, Crescent, and Woodruff chapters, participate in keeno competition for the first five places in showmanship in the Junior Hereford Show at the S. C. State Fair.



Gregg Campbell, Crescent FFA chapter, first place showman in the Junior Polled Hereford Show at the Upper State Fair, which earned him a trip to the National FFA Convention.



Gene Medlin, of the Pelion FFA chapter, is shown with his junior champion Duroc gilt in the Junior Swine Show at the 1979 S. C. State Fair.



Rusty Milford, Crescent FFA chapter, with his second place trophy for showmanship in the Junior Division of the S. C. Polled Hereford Association at the Upper State Fair.



Robert Hudson, Byrnes FFA chapter, prepares to show his Hereford cow, at the Upper State Fair.

NEW LEADERS ELECTED



Officers elected to lead the S. C. Association of Vocation Agriculture Teachers for 1979-80 are shown below, left to right: President, Alvin Larke, Jr., St. Matthews; President-Elect, F. M. Bridwell, Wade Hampton; District I Vice President, W. A. Whitfield, Saluda; District II Vice President, Freddie Waltz, Pelion; District III Vice President, W. L. Barr, Aynor-Conway Career Center; District IV Vice President, Joseph Jackson, Branchville; Executive Secretary, Royce Caines, Pendleton; and Past President, Gilmore McManus, Andrews.

30 MINUTE CLUB



G. P. Jones, Byrnes, is presented a certificate in the 30-Minute Club by Gordon Cartrette, Vice President. Others receiving this award were: Charles Moore, Dorman; Dennis Haltiwanger, Boiling Springs; David Bouknight, Batesburg-Leesville; W. S. Wilkins, York; J. A. Cunningham, Gilbert; Freddie Waltz, Pelion; Drs. John Rogers, Lloyd Blanton, and Alex Hash, from the Agricultural Education Staff at Clemson University.

The 30-Minute Club award is given to those teachers and staff members who spend at least 30 minutes writing an article or presenting a radio or television program which reaches across state lines. The awards are made by the NVATA.

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CAREER EXPLORATION



SCVATA Executive Secretary Royce Caines presents the Regional Agri-Business Career Exploration Award to Winston Barr, of the Aynor-Conway Career Center. This is an NVATA award and carries with it an expense-paid trip to the NVATA and AVA Convention in California.

EXCHANGE OF IDEAS



Freddie Waltz, right, presents an award to Jack Cunningham, of Gilbert, in the Exchange of Ideas Contest. Other winners were, first place, Harold Hutto, and second place, Bill Whitfield.

TEACHER OF TEACHERS



Frank R. Stover, right, presents Teacher of Teacher awards to W. A. Whitfield, Saluda, and H. W. Rankin, Loris. Mr. Whitfield received the bronze award and Mr. Rankin the gold.

This award is made to teachers who have one or more of their former students teaching vocational agriculture in South Carolina.

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